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Steve,

We met with the City this afternoon, and everything went pretty well. They are o.k. with the orders and don't have any problem with us going ahead and signing. One of their primary concerns was us being able to develop an effective communication strategy for the public. The issue being the spectre of "Superfund" now getting involved. We told them that we are quite aware of that issue and will be working closely with them to talk with all the interested parties to fully explain this approach.

They've asked that we coordinate the press release on the AOC with Larry Merritt from their press office before it goes out. We will work on that.

Kimberly Worthington said that they will be contacting you to talk about setting up some conversations with the aldermen. We told them that we're available to participate if they want. I think she wanted to find out what communications you might have had with any of the aldermen.

My thinking right now is to hold off on the final signature on this end until we find out if the aldermen need time. I will be out all next week anyway and I would prefer to be here when its signed and any press release goes out. If that's a problem let me know and we can talk.

They mentioned that there is a rowing club that is about to sign a lease for use of a portion of the South Station. They said that they will make sure the lease requires them to move at anytime. We just need to make sure we know what they are planning on doing and that they aren't at any risk. I told them that you guys had done that quick risk evaluation of the sites in an attempt to rank them and from that it didn't sound like it would be an issue, but we should take a close look at where they are going to be located and what they want to do.

Another issue we need to work closely with them on is some work the City is planning near Bubbley Creek. They are doing some sampling and some capping pilot study sediments and some restoration in the area. They were hoping that we could coordinate our work so that they wouldn't need to undo some of what they are planning. I told them about the way the current schedule is layed out and under that approach its unlikely we would have plans in place to be out there in time, but we told them that that is a conversation we could hold with you guys to see if there is anything we can, or even need to do to avoid any conflict, or if there is anything we can do to fast track any sampling for the area.

Thats about it. If you have any questions let me know. I still haven't heard from Ray Vukovich about Waukegan yet so I will try calling him again.

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